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Minutes 02/25/2013

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 25, 2013
7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Curro
Also present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka
Absent: Mrs. Mahon

FOR APPROVAL

1. **CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)**

- a. Minutes of Meetings: February 11, 2013
- b. Appointment: New Election Workers
Jean M. Griffin, 40 Oxford Street, R, Pct. 12
Charles J. Simas, 40 Oxford Street, R, Pct. 12

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing

2. **CDBG - Performance Update for Program Year 2012-2013**

Carol Kowalski, Director, Planning & Community Development

Ms. Kowalski stated that the amount requested is approximately the same as last year. She feels applicants expect a reduction from the FY 2013 appropriation so they have requested the same amounts.

Mr. Dunn moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

3. **Vote: CDBG Requests for FY2013-2014 Funding**

Carol Kowalski, Director, Planning & Community Development

A number of town and community groups are seeking Community Development Block Grant funds to keep their programs running. Requests this year include building facade restoration, historical preservation, athletic scholarships, affordable housing, Operation Success, programs for seniors, mental health counseling services, ramps for disabled access, teen job programs and child care. Ms. Kowalski stated that we are fortunate we have a diverse community and these funds really help us do that. Funding such as Community Development Block Grant funding is crucial to assist families that are CDBG eligible to pay for copayments, deductibles and cost of session.

Mr. Dunn moved receipt of applications.

SO VOTED (4-0)

4. **Update: Selectmen Awards Committee**

John W. Hurd, Committee Chair

Mr. Hurd presented list of nominees that the Selectmen Awards Committee chose.

Mr. Greeley thanked Mr. Hurd and the Committee and stated that the would

have the Award Ceremony in May or early Fall.
Mr. Curro moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS

5. Appointment: Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development
Paul Dredge
(term to expire 2/2016)
(tabled from 2/11/13 meeting)
Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

6. Discussion: Water & Sewer Service
Gordon Jamieson, David Garbarino
Co-Chairs, Fiscal Resources Task Group

Mr. Jamieson stated that the Fiscal Resources Task Group has studied the issues surrounding the water and sewer service for several years.

They have six recommendations:

1. Pursue potential infrastructure issues that cause Arlington to be charged for water it does not use.
2. Recommend using savings from better cash flow management to accelerate improvements to infrastructure that will reduce waste and overall costs.
3. Recommend administrative changes to significantly reduce the amount of water in Arlington that goes unmetered (up to 30% of the total) thus improving transparency and allowing for better management of resources.
4. Recommend that the Town accelerate efforts to replace aged meters, which lost effectiveness after about 20 year of service, to ensure that consumption is accurately billed to users.
5. Recommend that the Town take full advantage of low-cost loans available from the MWRA to accelerate infrastructure improvement to reduce water waste and cost.
6. Recommend that the Town pursue conservation efforts to reduce water usage and costs, including sharing electronic consumption data with users so that they can monitor and manager their consumption.

Michael Rademacher, Director of Public Works, reviewed the letter dated February, 2013 from the Arlington Vision 2020 Fiscal Resources Task Group regarding recommendations for improvements to the operation of the Town's Water & Sewer Enterprise system and in most cases are issues the Department of Public Works are actively pursuing.

Mr. Jamieson was pleased to hear Mr. Rademacher's remarks and is happy that the Department of Public Works will have a rate study prepared prior to Town Meeting.

Correspondence Received

Bob Radochia Littering in Arlington
45 Columbia Road

Be Rec'd

Mr. Radochia asked the Board if we could have more trash barrels put around the Town Hall and Town Hall garden.

Robin Varghese New Committee Chair Appointment
Arlington Human Rights
Commission

Be Rec'd

Eric Berger Mass. Ave. Corridor Project
East Arlington Concerned
Citizens Committee

Be Rec'd

Mr. Curro moved receipt of correspondence received.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Article 15 Bylaw Amendment/Regulation of Utility Poles

A subcommittee consisting of Mr. Dunn, Mr. Curro and Mr. Leonard will study utility poles. The Selectmen supported addressing utility pole problems. They expressed concern the Town could not enforce rules it imposed on utility companies. Mr. Dunn feels the Town may have more success solving the problem by working with State Legislators representing Arlington and other communities and trying to change the rules at the state level. The subcommittee will meet and report back to the Board at their meeting on Monday, March 11th.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 16 Bylaw Amendment/Safe Streets

Adam Auster spoke about the article and stated that if this bylaw was in effect when the Mass. Avenue Corridor was being designed that East Arlington may have hit fewer roadblocks and moved more quickly.

Mr. Greeley stated that pedestrian safety is already a priority. Mr. Dunn feels that this ruling could be interpreted in an extreme way that could constrain road projects.

Elizabeth Carr-Jones stated that many are sympathetic to the sentiments of the article, but they try in their work to balance all modes of transportation in Town. She questioned if a bylaw was the right vehicle for this sort of work in Town.

Mr. Curro suggested that we should take TAC up on their offer to report back to the Board at their meeting on Monday, March 18th.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 21 Home Rule Legislation/Evens Maurice

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 41 Appropriation and Eminent Domain/Route 60-Massachusetts Avenue Intersection Mobility Improvement Project Easements

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

FINAL VOTES AND COMMENTS

Article 10 Bylaw Amendment/Junk Dealers and Collectors

Article 17 Overnight Parking Fees

Article 18 Daytime Parking

Article 25 Acceptance/Small Personal Property Exemption

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

9. Vote: Non Binding Ballot Question on Overnight Parking Ban

Steven M. Byrne, Selectman

The Board approved the wording after a brief discussion in which the wording was slightly altered. Mr. Byrne stated that although the question is non-binding, the Board could take action based on its results.

The Board of Selectmen voted to place the following question on the ballot for the Annual Town Election on April 6, 2013:

"Do you favor the Town's current overnight parking ban?"

YES
NO

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

10. Vote: Approval of Lease Extension for International School of Boston and Arlington Children's Center

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

The Town Manager requested that the Board approve a one-year lease extension for the International School of Boston and the Arlington Children's Center, the current tenants of the Parmenter School. This lease extension would include a 3% increase in the annual rent received from each tenant. The current lease for both tenants expires on June 30, 2013. A lease extension for both tenants achieves the short-term goals of both the Town and the tenants and provides both parties with time to find long-term solutions.

Mr. Curro moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

11. Discussion: Town Manager Performance Evaluation

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Town Manager Chapdelaine presented an evaluation instrument based upon the instrument that is used in Weston, Needham, Sudbury, and Ashland. The Board will discuss the Manager's evaluations in public session at the March 11th meeting.

Mr. Curro moved approval of the instrument in order to begin the Town Manager's evaluation process. SO VOTED (4-0)

New Business

Ms. Rice announced that the Arlington High Girls Varsity Hockey Team just won their first game of the State Tournament 2- 0 against Watertown.

Mr. Chapdelaine announced that the Mass DOT is hosting a second public hearing on the reconstruction of Mass. Ave. on Tuesday, February 26th, at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Mr. Chapdelaine announced that Senator Donnelly has filed legislation relative to the microburst last July.

Executive Session: "To discuss strategy with respect to litigation in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a) (3), where having such discussion in open session will have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town; Response to February 18, 2013, Open Meeting Law Complaint by Christopher Loreti.

Mr. Dunn moved to convene in Executive Session at 10.30 p.m.
The Board will come out of Executive Session to adjourn.

Roll Call:

On Mr. Dunn's motion:

Mr. Curro:	yes
Mr. Dunn:	yes
Mr. Greeley	yes
Mr. Byrne:	yes

Mr. Greeley made a motion to adjourn executive session. SO VOTED (4-0)

Roll Call:

Mr. Curro:	yes
Mr. Dunn:	yes
Mr. Greeley:	yes
Mr. Byrne:	yes

Mr. Greeley made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 p.m. SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka

Board Administrator

Next scheduled meeting of BoS March 11, 2013.

2/25/13

Agenda Item Documents Used

1 Draft Minutes 2-11-13

1(b) Appt. New Election Works, Jean Griffin, Charles Simas

2 CDBG - Performance Update for Program Year 2012-2013

3 CDBG Requests for FY 2013-2014 Funding

4 Selectmen Awards Committee Nominations

5 Appt. - Paul Dredge, Arl. Committee on Tourism & Economic Development

6 Discussion - Water & Sewer Service - Gordon Jamieson

7 Warrant Articles - Article 15, 16, 21 and 41

8 Final Votes and Comments

9101112 Vote: Non-Binding Ballot Question on Overnight Parking BandVote: Approval of Lease Extension for

International School of Boston and Arlington Children's CenterDiscussion: Town Manager Performance

EvaluationCorrespondence Received: Bob Radochia, 45 Columbia RoadRobin Varghese, Arlington Human Rights
Commission, Eric Berger, East Arlington Concerned Citizens Committee

13 Executive Session: Open Meeting Law Complaint by Christopher

Loreti